

Remarks

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. It is believed that this Amendment does not raise any new issues or require any new searching by the Examiner. Furthermore, it is believed that upon its entry, the application will be in condition for allowance or at least reduce the number of issues for appeal. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment and reconsideration in light thereof are respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2003. Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 12, 14-16, 22, 24, 25 and 26, amended claims 2, 5, 6 and 17 herein, and re-presented former dependent claim 25 as claim 30. Accordingly, claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 17, 19-21 and 27-30 are presently pending in the application, of which only claims 7, 17, 27, 28 and 30 are independent. No new subject matter has been added to the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that correction of a typographical error in claim 17, line 8 was required and claim 17 has been amended accordingly. It is respectfully submitted that the objection to this claim be withdrawn. Claims 19 and 28 have also been amended to correct typographical errors and to keep the terminology consistent throughout the claims. Specifically, these claims have been amended to replace "lap top" and "lap-top" with the term --laptop--. No new subject matter has been added to the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 12, 14, 22, 24 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), and claims 3, 6 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Of these, claims 1, 12, 14, 16, 22, 24 and 26 have been cancelled herein rendering the rejection of such claims moot. Dependent claims 2 and 6 have been amended to depend from independent claim 27, which the Examiner has indicated is allowed, and accordingly it is submitted that claims 2, 3 (which depends from 2) and 6 are now directed towards patentable subject matter. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 5, 15 and 25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent

form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 25 has been cancelled and re-presented as claim 30, which includes all the limitations of now cancelled independent base claim 1 and intervening claim 24. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from re-presented claim 30, and claim 15 has been cancelled.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication by the Examiner that claims 7, 9, 17, 19-21 and 27-29 are allowed. The cancellation of claims 1, 12, 14, 16, 22, 24 and 26 herein is to expedite successful prosecution of this application and no other reason should be given to the cancellation of these claims.


In view of the forgoing, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response to the Office Action has been made. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney/agent.

It is believed that no fee is due with this Amendment. However, if any fees are occasioned by this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 08-2442 of the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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